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Freedom of Information Disclosure Log Publication Coversheet

The following information is provided pursuant to section 28 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016*.

Application Details	
Ref. No.	CMTEDDFOI 2024-401
Date of Application	5 December 2024
Date of Decision	17 February 2025
Processing time (in working days)	45
Fees	Waived
Decision on Access	Partial Release
Information Requested (summary)	Meeting/briefing documents relevant to several meetings/briefings for multiple Ministers (refer to document for full scope)
Publication Details	
Original application	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Published <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Decision notice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Published <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
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Decision made by Ombudsman	N/A
Additional information identified by Ombudsman	N/A
Decision made by ACAT	N/A
Additional information identified by ACAT	N/A

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CMTEDD FOI](#)
Subject: RE: CMTEDDFOI 2024-401 Freedom of Information request - Confirmation
Date: Thursday, 5 December 2024 3:35:02 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

OFFICIAL

Hi Emma,

Thank you for your email.

Yes, please.

Kind regards,

From: CMTEDD FOI <CMTEDDFOI@act.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 5 December 2024 3:30 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: CMTEDD FOI <CMTEDDFOI@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: CMTEDDFOI 2024-401 Freedom of Information request - Confirmation

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

Can I please confirm that the scope of your request is for the following three Ministers:

“...the meeting/briefing preparation notes, meeting/briefing notes, and any miscellaneous internal material relevant to the below meetings/briefings between Ministers and stakeholders at the following times as per the published Ministerial diaries:

Chief Minister Barr

- 11/01/2023 MEETING: Purdon Planning
- 04/04/2024 MEETING: Purdon Planning

Minister Berry

- 19/10/2022 BRIEFING: Sport and Recreation (change to Phillip Pool Lease)
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- 08/08/2024 MEETING: Weston Creek Woden Dodgers Basketball Club

Minister Steel

- 16/07/2024 MEETING: Purdon Planning”

Kind regards

Emma

Emma Hotham (she/her) | Director, Freedom of Information

Phone: 02 6207 0811 | emma.hotham@act.gov.au

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From: no-reply@act.gov.au <no-reply@act.gov.au>

Sent: Thursday, 5 December 2024 11:51 AM

To: CMTEDD FOI <CMTEDDFOI@act.gov.au>

Subject: CMTEDDFOI 2024-401 Freedom of Information request

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Your details

All fields are optional, however an email address OR full postal address must be provided for us to process your request. An email address and telephone contact number will assist us to contact you quickly if we need to discuss your request.

Title:

First Name:

Last Name:

Business/Organisation:

Address:

Suburb:

Postcode:

State/Territory:

Phone/mobile:

Email address:

Request for information

(Please provide as much detail as possible, for example subject matter and relevant dates, and also provide details of documents that you are not interested in.)

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2016 I want to access the following document/s (*required field):

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I do not want to access the following documents in relation to my request::

Thank you.
Freedom of Information Coordinator



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – NOTICE OF DECISION

I refer to your application under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the Act), received by the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD) on 5 December 2024.

Specifically, you have sought access to the following information:

“Please provide the meeting/briefing preparation notes, meeting/briefing notes, and any miscellaneous internal material relevant to the below meetings/briefings between Ministers and stakeholders at the following times as per the published Ministerial diaries:

Chief Minister Barr

- *11/01/2023 MEETING: Purdon Planning*
- *04/04/2024 MEETING: Purdon Planning*

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Minister Steel

- *16/07/2024 MEETING: Purdon Planning”*

Authority

I am an Information Officer appointed by the CMTEDD Director-General under section 18 of the Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the Act.

Timeframes

In accordance with section 40 of the Act, CMTEDD is required to provide a decision on your access application within 30 days.

As this matter required third party consultation, the decision due date was extended by 15 working days, in accordance with section 40(2) of the Act.

Therefore, a decision is due by **17 February 2025**.

On 17 December 2024, the Environment, Planning, Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD) accepted transfer of the portion of the request relating to Minister Steele. As such, you will receive a response from EPSDD in relation to that portion of the request.

Decision on access

Searches of CMTEDD records have identified 16 documents within the scope of your request.

I have decided to grant **partial access** to nine documents, **full access** to five documents and **refuse** access to two documents.

The records identified as relevant to your application are listed in the schedule enclosed at **Attachment A**. This provides a description of each document that falls within the scope of your request and the access decision for each of those documents.

Release of documents

The information being released to you is provided at **Attachment B**.

Information that is out of scope has been removed. This information is not considered withheld under a provision of the Act as it does not fall within your scope.

Statement of Reasons

In accordance with section 54(2) of the Act a statement of reasons outlining my decisions is below. In reaching my access decisions, I have taken the following into account:

- the Act
- the information that falls within the scope of your request
- information that is publicly available
- third party views
- ACT Ombudsman Guidelines

As a decision maker, I am required to determine whether the information within scope is in the public interest to release. To make this decision, I am required to:

- assess whether the information would be contrary to public interest to disclose as per **Schedule 1** of the Act.
- perform the public interest test as set out in section 17 of the Act by balancing the factors favouring disclosure and factors favouring non-disclosure in **Schedule 2** of the Act.

Exemptions claimed

Schedule 1: Information taken to be contrary to the public interest.

My reasons for deciding not to grant access to the identified documents and components of these documents are as follows:

- *Section 1.2 - Information subject to legal professional privilege.*

Document 11 contains information that is considered to be contrary to the public interest under schedule 1 of the Act. The information relates to legal advice received and sought by the ACT Government in relation to this matter and it is not considered to be in the public interest to release. This information can only be released if the parties involved agree to waive that privilege. The parties have not waived privilege.

Public Interest Test

The Act has a presumption in favour of disclosure. As a decision maker I am required to decide where, on balance, public interests lies. As part of this process I must consider factors favouring disclosure and non-disclosure.

In *Hogan v Hinch* (2011) 243 CLR 506, [31] French CJ stated that when ‘used in a statute, the term [public interest] derives its content from “the subject matter and the scope and purpose” of the enactment in which it appears’. Section 17(1) of the Act sets out the test, to be applied to determine whether disclosure of information would be contrary to the public interest. These factors are found in subsection 17(2) and Schedule 2 of the Act.

Schedule 2: Factors to be considered when deciding the public interest.

Taking into consideration the information contained in the documents found to be within the scope of your request, I have identified that the following public interest factors are relevant to determine if release of the information contained within these documents is within the ‘public interest’.

Factors favouring disclosure (Section 2.1)

- *Section 2.1(a)(i) - promote open discussion of public affairs and enhance the government’s accountability.*
- *Section 2.1(a)(ii) - contribute to positive and informed debate on important issues or matters of public interest.*

I consider that disclosing the contents of the information sought could contribute to open discussion and informed debate on the matters contained within the meeting briefs. I am satisfied there may be some public interest, however, I weigh these factors lightly as some content of meeting notes alone may not reasonably contribute to informed debate.

I am satisfied that these factors favouring disclosure carry some weight. However, these factors are to be balanced against the factors favouring nondisclosure.

Factors favouring non disclosure (Section 2.2)

- *Section 2.2(a)(ii) - prejudice the protection of an individual’s right to privacy or any other right under the Human Rights Act 2004.*
- *Section 2.2(a)(xi) - prejudice trade secrets, business affairs or research of an agency or person.*
- *Section 2.2(a)(xii) - prejudice an agency’s ability to obtain confidential information.*
- *Section 2.2(a)(xiii) - prejudice the competitive commercial activities of an agency.*
- *Section 2.2(a)(xvi) - prejudice a deliberative process of government.*

Release of information concerning individuals working within the ACT Public Service (ACTP) is generally not considered to prejudice the protection of an individual’s right to privacy. However, where mobile phone numbers may be used for home and work purposes, this information is redacted, as it could or would reasonably be expected to prejudice an individual’s right to privacy under the *Human Rights Act 2004*. In this instance, all mobile phone numbers of ACTPS employees have been redacted in accordance with *Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)*.

The contact details of third parties where not already publicly available have also been redacted. Noting that some of the third parties have their details listed online and are publicly associated with their particular organisation.

Schedule 2.2(a)(xi) allows for government information to be withheld from release if disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to prejudice the trade secrets, business affairs or research of an agency or person. I note that the disclosure of some information contained in meeting notes within scope, could potentially cause damage to the business' reputation, or that of another business, and impact the future competitive activities of the business. These materials contain information about their business responses to current projects. This is a critical point, and I weight this provision substantially.

Further, some of the materials within these documents could be considered commercial in confidence, and as such, release of this information could prejudice an agency's ability to obtain confidential information from a third party. Some meeting notes, contain commercial-in-confidence information and personal reflections that could be damaging to both the agency and the third party. There are no clear reasons in favour of why this information should be shared in the public domain, and therefore it has been excluded from release under *Schedule 2.2 (a)(xii)*.

Where the disclosure of information could reasonably be expected to prejudice the competitive activities of an agency should be afforded some weight. Instances where disclosure could reasonably place the agency at a disadvantage in negotiating with private sector entities on a commercial basis is a significant reason excluding this information from release. A small section of the material within scope, includes information about financial implications on the Territory and estimated costings of future projects. Disclosure could indirectly impact the agency's financial interest in obtaining the best value for money through a competitive tendering process. I afford this factor significant weight and therefore, this information has been excluded from release under *Schedule 2.2(a)(xiii)*. This information is deemed confidential commercial information, the disclosure of which could prejudice the ACT government' ability to secure these types of services in the future and or, damage relationships with suppliers.

Some of the material contained in document 11, includes information that could reasonably be expected to undermine a deliberative process of government. In relation to these specific redactions, I have had regard to information that is yet to be publicly available and note the release of this information could impact on governmental decision-making and its ability to negotiate with suppliers to ensure value for money outcomes.

Having applied the test outlined in section 17 of the Act and deciding that release of some information contained in the documents is not in the public interest to release, I have chosen to redact this specific information in accordance with section 50(2). Noting the pro-disclosure intent of the Act, I am satisfied that redacting only the information that I believe is not in the public interest to release will ensure that the intent of the Act is met and will provide you with access to the majority of the information held by CMTEDD within the scope of your request.

Charges



Online publishing – Disclosure Log

Under section 28 of the Act, CMTEDD maintains an online record of access applications called a [disclosure log](#).

Your original access application and my decision will be published on the CMTEDD disclosure log. Your personal contact details will not be published.

Ombudsman Review

My decision on your access request is a reviewable decision as identified in Schedule 3 of the Act. You have the right to seek Ombudsman review of this outcome under section 73 of the Act within 20 working days from the day that my decision is provided to you, or a longer period allowed by the Ombudsman.

We recommend using this form [Applying for an Ombudsman Review](#) to ensure you provide all of the required information. Alternatively, you may write to the Ombudsman at:

The ACT Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Via email: actfoi@ombudsman.gov.au

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) Review

Under section 84 of the Act, if a decision is made under section 82(1) on an Ombudsman review, you may apply to the ACAT for review of the Ombudsman decision. Further information may be obtained from the ACAT at:

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal
GPO Box 370
Canberra City ACT 2601
Telephone: (02) 6207 1740
<http://www.acat.act.gov.au/>

Should you have any queries in relation to your request please contact the CMTEDD FOI Team by telephone on 6207 7754 or email CMTEDDFOI@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Emma Hotham
Information Officer
Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate

17 February 2025



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Economic Development

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST SCHEDULE

WHAT ARE THE PARAMETERS OF THE REQUEST	Reference NO.
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Ref No	Page number	Description	Date	Status	Reason for Exemption	Online Release Status
1	1	Handwritten meeting notes - Purdon Planning	04/04/2024	Exempt	Sch 2, 2.2(a)(ii) Sch 2, 2.2(a)(xi) Sch 2, 2.2(a)(xii)	No
2	2	Email - DLO Request - Meeting Brief - Berry - ACT Aquatic Alliance - 24 May 2023	02/05/2023	Partial release	Sch 2, 2.2(a)(ii)	Yes
3	3-6	Attachment to document 2 - Email chain - FW: MEETING: Minister Berry and ACT Aquatic Alliance	02/05/2023	Full release	N/A	Yes
4	7	Email - Redirection - CMTEDD2023/1857 - Meeting Brief - Berry - ACT Aquatic Alliance - 24 May 2023	03/05/2023	Partial release	Sch 2, 2.2(a)(ii)	Yes
5	8-9	Attachment to document 4 - Letter to Minister Berry - Re: Introducing the ACT Aquatic Alliance	07/04/2023	Partial release	Sch 2, 2.2(a)(ii)	Yes
6	10-13	Ministerial brief - Meeting with ACT Aquatic Alliance - CMTEDD2023/1857 - Attachment A - Duplicate of document 5	12/05/2023	Partial Release	Sch 2, 2.2(a)(xiii)	Yes

7	14	Email - Geocon meeting notes 16 Jan	17/01/2023	Exempt	Sch 2, 2.2(a)(ii) Sch 2, 2.2(a)(xi) Sch 2, 2.2(a)(xii)	No
8	15-18	Email - FW: Pelligra/Cruachan Meeting with Minister Berry (face to face)	28/02/2024	Partial release	Sch 2, 2.2(a)(ii)	Yes
9	19	Email - Ministerial Meeting Brief - Berry - Pelligra/Cruachan - Ice Sports Facility Project - 14 March 2024	28/02/2024	Full release	N/A	Yes
10	20	Email chain - New mtg date: CMTEDD2024/858 - Ministerial Meeting Brief - Berry - Pelligra/Cruachan - Ice Sports Facility Project - 13 March 2024	28/02/2024	Full release	N/A	Yes
11	21-24	Ministerial brief - CMTEDD2024/858 - Meeting with Pelligra Group and Cruachan Investments Pty Ltd – ACT Ice Sports Facility	08/03/2024	Partial release	Sch1, 1.2 Sch 2, 2.2(a)(xiii) Sch 2, 2.2(a)(xvi)	Yes
12	25-26	Email chain - FW: Weston Creek Woden Dodgers Basketball Club - Update to Government	08/07/2024	Partial release	Sch 2, 2.2(a)(ii)	Yes
13	27-34	Letter to Minister Berry – Dodgers Basketball	07/07/2024	Partial release	Sch 2, 2.2(a)(xi) Sch 2, 2.2(a)(ii)	Yes
14	35	Email - Ministerial Meeting Brief - Berry - Weston Creek Woden Dodgers Basketball Club - 8 August 2024	17/07/2024	Full release	N/A	Yes
15	36	Email - MEETING: Weston Creek Woden Dodgers Basketball Club	Undated	Full release	N/A	Yes
16	37-39	Ministerial brief - CMTEDD2024 - Meeting with Weston Creek Woden Dodgers Basketball Club	25/07/2024	Partial Release	Sch 2, 2.2(a)(xi) Sch 2, 2.2(a)(xii) Sch 2, 2.2(a)(xiii)	Yes
Total No of Docs						
16						

Out of scope

Sch 2.2(a)(xi), Sch 2.2(a)(xii), Sch 2.2(a)(ii)

Sch 2.2(a)(xi), Sch 2.2(a)(xii), Sch 2.2(a)(ii)

From: Hilder, Louise on behalf of CMCD DLO
Sent: Tuesday, 2 May 2023 5:15 PM
To: CMTEDD MLO
Cc: Prowse, Fay
Subject: DLO Request - Meeting Brief - Berry - ACT Aquatic Alliance - 24 May 2023
Attachments: FW: MEETING: Minister Berry and ACT Aquatic Alliance

Categories: Kaye

Hi MLO team

Can I please request a meeting brief for Minister Berry:

With:	MEETING: ACT Aquatic Alliance
Time / Date:	Wednesday, 24 May 2023 – 3:00-3:30pm
Venue:	DCM Office
Advisor:	Jason Clarke
Directorate:	ACTPG
Due:	Wednesday, 17 May 2023
Notes:	

Contact CMCDDLO@act.gov.au with any questions.

Many thanks
Louise

Louise Hilder | Directorate Liaison Officer | CMTEDD
Phone: [\(Sch 2.2\(a\)\(ii\)\)](tel:Sch 2.2(a)(ii)) | Email cmcddlo@act.gov.au
Chief Minister Treasury and Economic Development Directorate | ACT Government
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Chief Minister
Minister for Climate Action
Minister for Industrial Relations and Workplace Safety
Minister for Veterans and Seniors
Minister for Sport and Recreation
Special Minister of State

From: [BERRY](#)
To: [CMCD DLO](#)
Subject: FW: MEETING: Minister Berry and ACT Aquatic Alliance
Date: Tuesday, 2 May 2023 5:12:28 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Hi Louise
Background info for the meeting brief I just requested
Have a lovely evening.
Cheers
Amber
Office Manager
Phone: +61 2 6205 0233

Office of Yvette Berry MLA | Member for Ginninderra

Deputy Chief Minister
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Minister for Housing and Suburban Development
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From: BERRY
Sent: Tuesday, 2 May 2023 5:10 PM
To: ACT Aquatic Alliance <actaquaticalliance@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: MEETING: Minister Berry and ACT Aquatic Alliance

Hi Alex

I have now scheduled this in the Ministers diary.

Upon arrival to the Legislative Assembly, please proceed to the Security Desk. You will then need to sign in using the iPad located at the Security desk. Once this has been completed I will escort you to the Ministers office.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate in contacting the Berry office.

Have a lovely evening.

Kind Regards

Amber

Office Manager

Phone: +61 2 6205 0233

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From: ACT Aquatic Alliance <actaquaticalliance@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, 2 May 2023 3:12 PM

To: BERRY <BERRY@act.gov.au>

Subject: Re: MEETING: Minister Berry and ACT Aquatic Alliance

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Hi Amber,

Not a problem, Wednesday 24 May at 3pm works for Matt and I.

Kind Regards,

Alex

On Tue, 2 May 2023 at 13:56, BERRY <BERRY@act.gov.au> wrote:

Hi Alexander

Unfortunately since we last spoke that slot has been taken up.

Are you able to meet with the Minister on either of the following:

- Tuesday 16 May at 1pm or 3pm
- Thursday 18 May at 12:30pm or 3pm
- Wednesday 24 May at 3pm
- Thursday 25 May at 10am

Thank you in advance.

Kind Regards

Amber

Office Manager

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From: ACT Aquatic Alliance <actaquaticalliance@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, 28 April 2023 7:00 AM

To: BERRY <BERRY@act.gov.au>

Subject: Re: MEETING: Minister Berry and ACT Aquatic Alliance

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Thank you for your email.

We welcome Minister Berry's request and look forward to sitting down with her. Friday 19 May at 11am would be the most suitable time for us to meet. Chair of the ACT Aquatic Alliance Matthew Turnbull and I will be present for the meeting.

Sincerely,

Alexander Kuzis (He/Him)

Administrative Officer

ACT Aquatic Alliance Inc.

0498 352 360 | actaquaticalliance@gmail.com

On Thu, 27 Apr 2023 at 09:42, BERRY <BERRY@act.gov.au> wrote:

Good morning

Minister Berry would like to meet with you to discuss the letter you recently sent her. She currently has the following availability:

- Friday 19 May at 11am
- Wednesday 24 May at 3pm
- Thursday 25 May at 10am

Can you please confirm if the above dates and times suits and I will make the appropriate arrangements.

Thank you in advance.

Office Manager
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Kind Regards,

Alexander Kuzis (He/Him)

Administrative Officer

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From: [Bradley, Kellie](#)
To: [CMTEDD MLO](#)
Cc: [Dean, Cindy](#); [CMCD DLO](#)
Subject: Redirection - CMTEDD2023/1857 - Meeting Brief - Berry - ACT Aquatic Alliance - 24 May 2023
Date: Wednesday, 3 May 2023 1:57:17 PM
Attachments: [FW MEETING Minister Berry and ACT Aquatic Alliance.msg](#)
[Letter - Y.Berry - FINAL.pdf](#)
[MEETING ACT Aquatic Alliance.msg](#)

Hi MLO team,

Can you please reassign CMTEDD2023/1857 to Sport and Rec (Cindy Dean) and amend the security.

Cindy, can the team please draft a meeting brief and I will come back to you about a directorate rep.

Kind regards

Kellie

From: Hilder, Louise <Louise.Hilder@act.gov.au> **On Behalf Of** CMCD DLO

Sent: Tuesday, 2 May 2023 5:15 PM

To: CMTEDD MLO <CMTEDD.MLO@act.gov.au>

Cc: Prowse, Fay <Fay.Prowse@act.gov.au>

Subject: DLO Request - Meeting Brief - Berry - ACT Aquatic Alliance - 24 May 2023

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Time / Date:	Wednesday, 24 May 2023 – 3:00-3:30pm
Venue:	DCM Office
Advisor:	Jason Clarke
Directorate:	ACTPG
Due:	Wednesday, 17 May 2023
Notes:	

Contact CMCDDLO@act.gov.au with any questions.

Many thanks

Louise

Louise Hilder | Directorate Liaison Officer | CMTEDD

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7 April, 2023

Deputy Chief Minister
Minister for Sport and Recreation

GPO Box 1020, Canberra, ACT 2601

Dear Ms Berry,

Re: Introducing the ACT Aquatic Alliance

We write to you to introduce the newly formed ACT Aquatic Alliance (the Alliance). The Alliance is the peak aquatic advocacy body in the Australian Capital Territory. The Alliance advocates on behalf of aquatic based sports and provides collective advice to government and other key stakeholders and consists of Swimming ACT, Water Polo ACT, Canberra Diving Academy, and Triathlon ACT. It is anticipated that the Alliance will also represent other Aquatic sports in the ACT and we currently represent a registered membership base of ~3,000, with a reach of +9,000 people. Our goal is to safeguard aquatic sports and activities for future generations. We are working to ensure all Canberran's have access to an array of aquatic facilities and programs.

We note that Sport and Recreation ACT are currently accepting submissions for the Sport and Active Recreation Infrastructure Plan - Survey. The Alliance is interested in understanding the ACT government's position in relation to Canberra Olympic Pool (Civic Pool). Many aquatic sports rely on this facility including springboard diving, water polo, underwater rugby, little nippers, artistic swimming, and triathlon among others. Civic Pool is also home to the largest swimming club in the ACT.

The register of potential sport and recreation infrastructure projects is an ideal opportunity to initiate the planning and development of a Territory aquatic precinct (similar to every other State across Australia). We envisage a precinct which aquatic sports can call home, communities can be developed, young athletes supported, and major events run. Our contribution to the infrastructure plan survey will detail the infrastructure needs of aquatic sports in the ACT.



The Alliance is aware that ACT Property Group has a tender out for the contract/s for aquatic facility management services at the Canberra Olympic Pool, Dickson Pool, Gungahlin Leisure Centre, Lakeside Leisure Centre, and Stromlo Leisure Centre. We understand that the process has commenced, and we may not be able to influence the outcome, however, with the tender application process coming to a close on 17 April 2023, we are seeking for aquatic user groups to be consulted, and the needs of the membership considered.

In particular, the Alliance would like to ensure the successful tender applicant demonstrates a willingness to incorporate the following into the management of the facilities:

- increased stakeholder engagement
- pathway development and support for junior athletes
- greater access to facilities
- program alignment between business interests and State Governing Organisation's (SGO's) offerings
- continue to improve upkeep of facilities
- greater collaboration and consultation
- stable or reduced costs for user groups and patrons

Through improved management of facilities and collaboration with aquatic based sports in the ACT, greater progress towards the implementation of the Sport and Recreational Strategic Plan 2023-2028 will be made enabling all Canberrans to engage more effectively and frequently with sport and active recreation opportunities. We support this opportunity to improve service levels in relation to swimming pools and gyms including grounds maintenance, asset management, and business management. In our aquatic facilities has presented itself with YMCA NSW exiting their contract. Although the tender process is underway, we strongly advocate that the successful tender applicant needs to demonstrate experience, capacity, ability and willingness to implement the key requirements of service level improvement listed above.

We would welcome a meeting with you, at the earliest opportunity, to discuss current issues as well as the short and long term objectives of the Alliance. We look forward to a strong, collaborative relationship between yourself and the Alliance.

Sincerely,

Sch 2.2(a)(ii)

Matthew Turnbull
President
Water Polo ACT

Sally Hamilton
President
Triathlon ACT

Bob Alford
President
Swimming ACT

Ross Burden
President
Canberra Diving
Academy

Meeting Brief

Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate

To: Minister for Sport and Recreation

Tracking No.: CMTEDD2023/1857

Date: 12/05/2023

From: Senior Director, Sport and Recreation

Subject: Meeting with ACT Aquatic Alliance

Meeting Date: 24/05/2023

Stakeholder/Attendee Details:

- Mr Matthew Turnbull – Chair, ACT Aquatic Alliance (President, Water Polo ACT)
- Mr Alexander Kuzis – Administrative Assistant, ACT Aquatic Alliance
- Ms Rebecca Kelley – Executive Branch Manager, Sport and Recreation

Key points/Speaking Notes

1. The ACT Aquatic Alliance (the Alliance) is a newly formed advocacy body for aquatic based sports.
2. Current members of the Alliance include Swimming ACT, Water Polo ACT, Canberra Diving Academy and Triathlon ACT.

Background

3. The Alliance wrote to you on 7 April (Attachment A) requesting a meeting to discuss a number of matters including:
 - a. The ACT Government's position on the future of Canberra Olympic Pool noting that many aquatic sports utilise the facility including club swimming, springboard diving, artistic swimming, water polo and triathlon.
 - b. The Sport and Active Recreation Infrastructure Survey and the Alliance's intention to include a new aquatic precinct (together with other proposed infrastructure projects) in its response to the survey.
 - c. The tender process for management services at five ACT Government aquatic facilities (Canberra Olympic Pool, Dickson Pool, Gungahlin Leisure Centre, Lakeside Leisure Centre and Stromlo Leisure Centre) recently undertaken.

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- i. In its correspondence, the Alliance requested aquatic groups be consulted and their needs considered as part of the tender process.
 - d. In particular, the Alliance requested the successful tenderer demonstrate a willingness to incorporate the following into its management of the facility:
 - i. increased stakeholder engagement, collaboration and consultation;
 - ii. pathway development and support for junior athletes;
 - iii. greater access to facilities;
 - iv. program alignment between business interests and State Sporting Organisation programs/competitions;
 - v. continue to improve upkeep of facilities; and
 - vi. stable or reduced costs for user groups and patrons.

Canberra Olympic Pool

4. As per recent commentary by the Chief Minister, the ACT Government is currently considering the future of Canberra Olympic Pool (COP).
5. Options under consideration include the delivery of a new aquatic facility at an alternative site in the city precinct or redevelopment of the existing site. Further information is likely to be available before the end of the year.

Sport and Active Recreation Infrastructure Survey

6. Submissions for the Sport and Active Recreation Infrastructure Survey close on Friday 19 May 2023.
7. The ACT Government invited all recognised ACT peak sporting and active recreation bodies, ACT district community councils and ACT Licensed Clubs to contribute to the establishment of a register of potential sport and recreation infrastructure projects in the ACT.
8. The survey represents an opportunity for all eligible organisations, including the ACT Aquatic Alliance, to provide up to fifteen (15) priority infrastructure projects to support their activities.
9. Once completed, this register will assist the ACT Government to consider a range of priority sport and active recreation infrastructure projects for inclusion in an ACT Government sport and active recreation infrastructure plan to guide potential development in the short to medium term (next 10 years, through to 2032).

ACT Government aquatic facility management tender

10. Tenders for the ACT Government aquatic facility management tender closed on 17 April 2023.

11. A Tender Evaluation Team including representatives from ACT Property Group (ACTPG) and Sport and Recreation are currently assessing tenders.
12. It is expected a preferred tenderer will be announced in the coming months.
13. In response to the Alliance's request for the incoming facility manager, ACTPG provided the following information:
 - a. During the contract transition phase there are controls and measures in place to ensure continuity of service for all aquatic centres.
 - b. The ACT Government is working collaboratively with current centre management to ensure minimal disruption to daily operations at the government aquatic centres.
 - c. The '*Public Pools Act 2015*' (the **Act**) regulates management, administration and conduct of persons involved with operation and participation at territory owned pools.
 - i. The Public Pools (Pool Fees) Guidelines 2021 (No 1) forms part of the **Act**, and provides guidance in relation to pool fees for individuals and community organisations.
 - ii. The Guidelines detail the 'core fees' that must not be exceeded by each public aquatic facility.
 - d. ACTPG is committed to the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of all Territory owned public facilities.
 - i. Priority is to ensure safety of staff, patrons and community;
 - ii. Ensure aquatic centres are functional for requirements of the community;
 - iii. Capital works funding has been allocated for continual improvement and lifecycle replacement of assets at all aquatic facilities.
 - e. The Territory is committed to providing inclusive aquatic facilities that support sport and physical activity opportunities for the ACT community.

Financial Implications

14. There are no immediate financial implications associated with this brief.

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Benefits/Sensitivities

16. While the Alliance has indicated it will prioritise a new aquatic precinct in its response to the Sport and Active Recreation Infrastructure Survey, it is unclear if its member organisations will do the same in their responses.

Signatory Name: David Jeffrey Phone: 75815

Action Officer: Simon Dolejsi Phone: 72077

Attachments

Attachment	Title
Attachment A	ACT Aquatic Alliance to Berry

From: [BERRY](#)
To: [CMTFDD, Economic Development DLO](#)
Subject: FW: Pelligra/Cruachan Meeting with Minister Berry (face to face)
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To: BERRY <BERRY@act.gov.au>
Cc: Jeffrey, David <David.Jeffrey@act.gov.au>; Kelley, Rebecca <Rebecca.Kelley@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Pelligra/Cruachan Meeting with Minister Berry (face to face)
Can we lock in 1pm please? If that works for RK/DJ

Jason Clarke

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Cc: Jeffrey, David <David.Jeffrey@act.gov.au>; Kelley, Rebecca <Rebecca.Kelley@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Pelligra/Cruachan Meeting with Minister Berry (face to face)

Hi all

I can make any time after 10am on Wednesday 13 March work.

Cheers

Amber

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High priority for diary meeting please

Jason Clarke

Senior Adviser – Sport and Recreation;

Youth Affairs; Manager Of Government Business

CPSU Delegate

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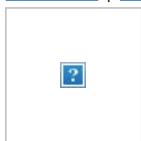
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From: Jeffrey, David <David.Jeffrey@act.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 5:57 PM

To: Clarke, Jason <Jason.Clarke@act.gov.au>

Cc: Kelley, Rebecca <Rebecca.Kelley@act.gov.au>

Subject: FW: Pelligra/Cruachan Meeting with Minister Berry (face to face)

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Hi Jason,

Refer below – would a meeting on the 12 or 13 March be possible for the Minister?

Cheers

DJ

From: Steve Wren <[Sch 2.2\(a\)\(ii\)](mailto:Sch 2.2(a)(ii)@act.gov.au)>

Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 12:07 PM

To: Jeffrey, David <David.Jeffrey@act.gov.au>; Stephen Campbell <scampbell@icerinksadelaide.com.au>

Cc: Kelley, Rebecca <Rebecca.Kelley@act.gov.au>

Subject: RE: Pelligra/Cruachan Meeting with Minister Berry (face to face)

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Good morning,

Sch 2.2(a)(ii) o none of the noted dates are possible Sch 2.2(a)(ii)

Can I suggest 12th or 13th of march?

STEVE WREN

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Sent: Monday, February 26, 2024 10:23 AM

To: Stephen Campbell <Sch 2.2(a)(ii)>; Steve Wren <Sch 2.2(a)(ii)>

Cc: Kelley, Rebecca <Rebecca.Kelley@act.gov.au>

Subject: FW: Pelligra/Cruachan Meeting with Minister Berry (face to face)

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Hi Stephen/Steve,

As briefly mentioned with Stephen recently, Minister Berry would like to arrange a **face to face meeting in her office** with Cruachan/Pelligra to seek an update on the status of the ice sports facility project. It would be greatly appreciated if you could advise if any of the proposed dates/times (refer to email below) would be suitable for the meeting in Canberra (at the ACT Legislative Assembly).

I anticipate the Berry Office may look to take a photo at the conclusion of the meeting with the view to doing some social

media to provide an update to the wider ACT community regarding the status of the project. Linked to the drafting of the Project Agreement, it would be appreciated if Pelligra could send through the updated financials for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 financial years ASAP (flagged in the attached email). I also understand it is intended to setup a regular fortnightly meeting between Cruachan, Pelligra and the ACT Government to monitor the progression of the project for the next little while. I think this is a good idea and happy to be involved – please send through a meeting invite once you have finalised the intended schedule. Happy to discuss.

Kind regards,

David Jeffrey

Senior Director

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From: BERRY <BFERRY@act.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, February 23, 2024 8:20 AM

To: Clarke, Jason <Jason.Clarke@act.gov.au>; Jeffrey, David <David.Jeffrey@act.gov.au>

Cc: Kelley, Rebecca <Rebecca.Kelley@act.gov.au>

Subject: RE: Pelligra/Cruachan Meeting with Minister Berry (face to face)

Hiya

Next week is completely out, however there is the below for the following week:

- Monday 4 March at 3pm
- Wednesday 6 March at 2:30pm
- Friday 8 March, diary is pretty flexible

Hope this helps, let me know if any of the above suit and I will send out an invite.

Cheers

Amber

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To: [CMTEDD MLO](#)
Cc: [Dean, Cindy](#)
Subject: Ministerial Meeting Brief - Berry - Pelligra/Cruachan - Ice Sports Facility Project - 14 March 2024
Date: Wednesday, 28 February 2024 11:11:41 AM
Attachments: [HOLD MEETING PelligraCruachan.msg](#)
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Hi MLO team

Can I please request a brief for Minister Berry for the below meeting:

Event/With:	Pelligra/Cruachan - Ice Sports Facility Project
Time / Date:	1pm, Thursday 14 March 2024
Venue:	MO
Minister:	Minister for Sport and Recreation
Advisor:	Jason Clarke
Directorate:	ED, S&R – Cindy Dean
Due:	08/03/2024
Notes:	Meeting brief Directorate rep: Bec Kelley and David Jeffrey

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Kind Regards

Kellie Bradley | Directorate Liaison Officer - Economic Development

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From: [Bradley, Kellie](#) on behalf of [CMTEDD, Economic Development DLO](#)
To: [Jeffrey, David](#)
Subject: New mtg date: CMTEDD2024/858 - Ministerial Meeting Brief - Berry - Pelligra/Cruachan - Ice Sports Facility Project - 13 March 2024
Date: Monday, 4 March 2024 1:57:00 PM
Attachments: [MEETING PelligraCruachan.msg](#)

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Hi DJ,

As you may have seen, this meeting has been brought forward to 13 March. I will leave the due date as 8 March.

Kind regards

Kellie

From: Bradley, Kellie <Kellie.Bradley@act.gov.au> **On Behalf Of** CMTEDD, Economic Development DLO
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 11:12 AM
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Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate

To: Minister for Sport and Recreation

Tracking No.: CMTEDD2024/858

Date: 08/03/2024

From: Executive Group Manager, Operations

Subject: Meeting with Pelligra Group and Cruachan Investments Pty Ltd – ACT Ice Sports Facility

Meeting Date: 13/03/2024

Stakeholder/Attendee Details:

- Mr Steve Wren, Managing Director, PG Sports & Entertainment, Pelligra Group
- Mr Stephen Campbell, Director, Cruachan Investments Pty Ltd
- Tentative (subject to availability) – Mr Ross Pelligra, Chair, Pelligra Group

Key points/Speaking Notes

1. The purpose of the meeting is to provide you with an opportunity to meet with representatives from Pelligra and Cruachan to discuss the project and seek an update on the key milestones and next steps.

Background

2. The ACT Government has committed \$16.25 million to support the delivery of a new ice sports facility in Canberra.
3. Following an Expression of Interest process, the proponents, Cruachan Investments (Cruachan) and the Pelligra Group (Pelligra), were invited to submit a detailed proposal to design, construct, own, operate and maintain a new ice sports facility in Canberra.
4. The ACT Government has executed a non-binding Heads of Agreement with Cruachan and Pelligra to construct a new ice sports facility in Canberra – to be known as the “Canberra Arena”.
5. Cruachan and Pelligra have commenced preliminary planning for the new facility.
6. The new facility will meet the needs of Canberra’s growing ice sports community, create jobs and economic activity during the construction and operation of the facility

and provide the community with a great place to cheer on all local ACT ice sport athletes.

7. Key features of the Canberra Arena will include:
 - a. Two international standard ice rinks that will support the needs of ice dancing, figure skating, broomball and ice hockey; dedicated curling lanes (a separate ice sheet) – the first of its kind in Australia;
 - b. Capacity for up to 3,600 spectators for events;
 - c. A range of amenities for players and officials, including changerooms, player benches, penalty boxes and judging platforms;
 - d. The facility will also include an indoor rock climbing facility with the three Olympic rock climbing disciplines incorporated (lead, speed and bouldering); and
 - e. A range of environmentally sustainable measures will also be included as part of the facility design – including solar panels to reduce energy consumption, provision of LED sports lighting and water recycling initiatives.

Drafting of Project Agreement

8. Following the recent receipt of some additional documents from Pelligra/Cruachan, Sport and Recreation continues to work with the ACT Government Solicitor (ACTGS) to support the drafting of binding Project Agreement and associated legal documents Sch 2.2(a)
[REDACTED] for the new ice sports facility.

- a. The draft documents are anticipated to be finalised by the ACTGS by mid-March 2024.

- b. Sch 1 1.2
[REDACTED]

Financial Implications

9. The introduction of the *Urban Forest Act 2023* may have an impact on the cost to deliver the proposed new ice sports facility (refer to Benefits/Sensitivities below).
10. Noting construction costs for capital projects continue to rise in the ACT and more broadly across Australia, the cost to deliver the proposed ice sports facility in Greenway will have increased since the time Cruachan submitted its detailed proposal to the ACT Government for consideration (January 2022).

- a. While Pelligra and Cruachan have not provided any indication they may wish to seek some additional funding from ACT Government, it is not out of the realm of possibility that such a request could be received in the future.

Benefits/Sensitivities

Urban Forest Act 2023

11. Sport and Recreation is currently working with Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) to further understand potential implications associated with the introduction of *Urban Forest Act 2023*, which commenced on 1 January 2024.

- a. The objects of the *Urban Forest Act 2023* include supporting the target of tree canopy coverage of 30% by 2045 and supporting a resilient and sustainable urban forest that contributes to community wellbeing in a changing climate. The canopy contribution framework allows for the replacement of lost canopy through approved tree removal to achieve these objects.
- b. As a private development, the future ice sports facility will be captured by the new legislation.
- c. TCCS is currently preparing a brief for the Minister of City Services in relation to the proposed ice sports facility development in Tuggeranong.
 - i. The outcome of this briefing may impact the development, with a canopy contribution agreement possibly being required between Pelligra/Cruachan and the Territory (TCCS) relating to the removal of trees to support the development on the Greenway site (Greenway: Block 19, Section 46).
 - ii. The Greenway Site Investigation Report details 1.72 hectares of trees will likely need to be removed to support construction of the proposed ice sports facility.

iii. Sch 2.2(a)(xiii), Sch 2.2(a)(xvi)
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2. Sch 2.2(a)(xiii), Sch 2.2(a)(xvi)
[Redacted]

d. Sch 2.2(a)(xiii), Sch 2.2(a)(xvi)
[Redacted]

e. At this time, the potential impacts associated with introduction of the new legislation may not be known or well understood by Pelligra/Cruachan.

i. Noting the above, it is suggested this matter **should not** be raised during the meeting given TTCS is in the process of briefing the Minister for City Services regarding this matter.

Sch 1 1.2

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Action Officer: David Jeffrey

Phone: 75815

From: [BERRY](#)
To: [CMTEDD, Economic Development DLO; Clarke, Jason](#)
Cc: [BERRY](#)
Subject: FW: Weston Creek Woden Dodgers Basketball Club - Update to Government
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Hi Kellie,

Please see correspondence related to Sports and Rec. For appropriate action.

[@Clarke, Jason](#) do you want me to take this to diary meeting?

Thank you,

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Subject: Weston Creek Woden Dodgers Basketball Club - Update to Government

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Dear Minister Berry,

On behalf the Dodgers Committee, please find attached a letter to update you on our efforts to build strong communities in Canberra's South and requests for advice on various issues. I copy in our Murrumbidgee MLA's, ACT federal representatives, Basketball ACT CEO Nicole Bowles, the Weston Creek and Woden Community Councils, Wesley Church Forrest Building Manager Sch 2.2(a)(ii) and Dodgers Vice President Rachel Regan for their awareness.

Thank you for your ongoing support of community sport in Canberra and I would be happy to make myself available to discuss these issues further with you and any of our local representatives. Sch 2.2(a)(ii)

Kind regards,

Grant

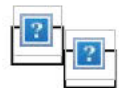


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Yvette Berry MLA
Deputy Chief Minister
ACT Minister for Sport and Recreation

Dear Minister Berry,

It was great to see you at the recent Basketball ACT 75th Anniversary dinner. Thank you for your support of basketball in Canberra and acknowledgement of the pressures we are facing as a community in providing adequate facilities for our rapidly growing sport.

With over two years having passed since we received your much appreciated response of 18 November 2021 on our [2021 Audit of Basketball Infrastructure in ACT's Weston Creek and Woden Valley](#), I wanted to update you on our efforts to build strong communities in South Canberra, and seek your continued support for these efforts, including through:

- Providing an update on current thinking in regards to the planning and development of a multi-purpose indoor sport facility in Woden – something that is urgently needed
- Providing advice on how community clubs such as ours can assist vulnerable members of our community who are dealing with increasing cost of living pressures to maintain their involvement in community sport
- Providing advice on available funding to upgrade the well utilised (but ageing) indoor basketball court infrastructure at Wesley Uniting Church, Forrest
- Providing further advice and details of the Garran Primary School indoor court development and the possibility of the Dodgers being a primary future 'tenant'
- Seeking your intervention to have the [Sch 2.2\(a\)\(xi\)](#) properly maintain their [Sch 2.2\(a\)\(xi\)](#) to prevent further disruptions to basketball competitions in Canberra's [Sch 2.2\(a\)\(xi\)](#) and
- Flagging with you our exciting Ngunnawal Dreaming Project, to be launched at the Warriors NAIDOC tournament, 12-14 July 2024 at Belconnen Stadium.

Strong growth in memberships but cost pressures are biting hard

Despite the challenges of COVID, our Club has gone from strength to strength over the past 5 years, more than doubling our membership to over 600 registered players, with 72 teams competing in the current 2024 Basketball ACT Winter competitions. We are also one of the only BACT Clubs to fully open registrations to the community for both Winter and Summer seasons and have had the most participants at the Warriors Basketball Club's annual NAIDOC tournament.

However, cost of living pressures are biting hard for many of our families. We have seen player numbers plateau this year at the Dodgers - the first time we haven't seen double-digit growth in many years. While interest in basketball remains at an all-time high, cost of living pressures and fee increases have meant that many of our families have not been able to afford the fees to enable their children to play this year. We have also seen a sharp increase in requests for assistance – our Club budgets to discreetly cover the fees of 4 players per year and we are expanding this to 10 players this year...but even this is not enough.

Dodgers Registrations History 2019 - 2024

Year	Juniors	Seniors	Total players	% Growth	% female players	WWVP reg volunteers	ATSI regos
2019	217	50	267				
2020	273	50	323	21%			
2021	365	40	405	25%			
2022	494	48	542	34%	33%	77	14
2023	559	59	618	14%	32%	94	16
2024	550	48	602	-3%	31%	120	19

As a not for profit, wholly volunteer organisation, the Dodgers work very hard to keep fees as low as possible and we rely heavily on the strong support we receive from some great local businesses that share our community values – Benmax, Club Lime, Two Before Ten Cafes and Canberra Subaru. In line with these values, we have made a choice not to be affiliated with, nor to receive any funding from gaming venues.

Unfortunately, factors beyond our control – including increases in venue hire, BACT administration cost increases (resulting in increased costs to enter teams in the local ACT competition) and new IT costs – have sadly resulted in fee increases for all Dodgers teams this season, despite our best efforts to avoid having to do this. The \$60 BACT membership levy and a new \$5 Basketball Australia levy are also on top of the Club fees below, making basketball increasingly expensive for those doing it tough.

Dodgers Fees structures

Age Group	2023	2024	Increase
U10	\$355	\$400	+\$45
U12 – u19	\$375	\$420	+\$45
JPL* u12/u14	\$515	\$575	+\$60
JPL u16/u19	\$545	\$610	+\$65
Seniors	\$495	\$560	+\$65

**Junior Premier League*

While basketball is becoming increasingly costly for community Clubs, in comparison fees for Private School clubs (which use their own higher quality facilities) are around half the price, further highlighting the growing inequalities of access to community sport in the ACT.

Our largest expense is training court hire – we pay on average \$70 per hour a court across our 7 different training venues, all but one of which are ACT Government owned and located on-site at schools – with numerous access challenges associated with this (see below). As court hire is the major contributor to our increased fees, **we would welcome advice on any programs or support mechanisms, including possible rate relief at our ACT Government-owned facilities, to ensure we can keep fees as low and basketball as accessible as possible.**

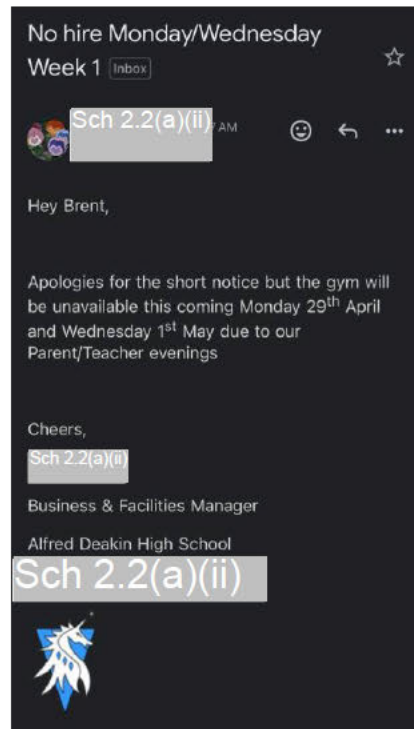
Facilities pressures remain

Our 2021 Audit contained three main recommendations. I am pleased to report some progress on the first of them - the upgrading of existing facilities, with adjustable fibreglass backboards and rings and an electronic scoreboard installed at our main training facility at Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning last year. We appreciate the efforts of Hedley Beare facilities staff and Simon Dolejsi from ACT Sport and Recreation for making this happen. The adjustable rings have allowed us to provide a better training experience to our young Under 10 cohorts and allowed us to start a new 'Aussie Hoops' program for Under 8s.

While this has improved Hedley Beare as a training facility, investment in higher quality glass backboards and FIBA approved scoreboards would have brought it up to competition standard and allowed the Dodgers to host official games. We would encourage close consultation with Basketball ACT and Clubs in the future when upgrading courts to ensure maximum value is gained from these investments.

Unfortunately, most of our other courts remain in critical need of upgrading. As was noted in our Audit, Alfred Deakin HS, Stromlo HS and Canberra College courts are not in an acceptable condition considering the high costs we are forced to pay due to lack of other available options. These courts suffer from non-compliant backboard/hoop supports, crooked backboards and slippery surfaces, and they are not well maintained or cleaned after school use to an acceptable standard for our afternoon/evening training sessions, meaning courts are often unsafe and have resulted in injuries due to slips.

Apart from maintenance and administration issues, school courts also present us with a significant challenge of not being available over school holidays and during parent/teacher meetings, college exams, functions etc, sometimes at short notice as seen in the screenshot below, causing frequent disruption to our teams and programs. We raise these issues to help you appreciate that shared school infrastructure alone is not a perfect solution when considering the growing needs of community sport. Unfortunately for community clubs like ours, there is little other option in terms of available courts for hire apart from the public schools and colleges.



Lancaster Hall at Wesley Uniting Church, Forrest

If there is an opportunity to work with ACT Government on further upgrades of our existing facilities, we would like to suggest the Lancaster Hall indoor court as a priority.

While it's an old court (and certainly not a complete solution to our infrastructure challenges), we believe **Lancaster Hall presents us with the best opportunity in the short-term to improve our training offerings** due to its central location, sprung timber floorboards and unrestricted year-round access. While the Church has recently repaired the roof and renovated the court's bathrooms, further investments in high quality glass backboards, rejuvenated floorboards, new line markings and FIBA-approved scoring equipment could provide us with the training facility we badly need for our elite Junior and Senior Premier League teams. It would also enable us to host official games, which we currently cannot do in any of our 7 facilities due to inadequate or non-compliant infrastructure.

We have had some positive initial discussions with the Church and I copy in the Property Manager **Sch 2.2(a)(ii)** who has expressed interest in working with us on this project. We have looked closely at the Community Sports Facilities Program (CSFP), however the significant requirements and supporting documentation required for an application have so far proved a barrier. As was experienced with the Hedley Beare upgrades, there is a need for proper planning including engineering reports and expert advice. As a community club with already stretched volunteer resources (we have no paid employees) we are not in a position to take a leading role in this, for a facility we do not own or manage. However, we would strongly support any such application and **I would be very happy to meet with stakeholders to discuss how we could progress this as soon as possible.**

Need and demand for new indoor courts remains high

Unfortunately, there has been no progress on the second and third recommendations of our 2021 Audit concerning the development of new basketball infrastructure, but we remain keen to work with stakeholders to look for solutions.

To cater to our growth, our trainings are now spread across 7 separate training venues, with the Club hiring around 60 hours of court space per week across the south of Canberra: Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning in Stirling, Mount Stromlo HS, Alfred Deakin HS, Canberra College, Lancaster Hall, Lake Tuggeranong College and Evelyn Scott School. While the fantastic new Evelyn Scott courts have been a great addition, our Club has only two hours of access (on a Friday night) due to after school care and Canberra Roller Derby using the facility on other weeknights (when we actually need training courts).

The logistical demands of managing 72 teams across seven venues, all with separate contracts, keys, alarms, facility managers and issues, places a significant burden on our volunteers and our ability to create a cohesive and supportive community (Attachment A).

We remain strongly supportive of a **new multi-user indoor sports facility**, centrally located in the Woden Valley and close to trunk transport infrastructure (an important consideration, considering many of our junior players need to get themselves to and from training sessions on their own via public transport – and late night training sessions potentially mean some of our junior players are attending training sessions and then having to walk in the dark to the nearest bus stop – jeopardising their personal safety).

While we were encouraged by the commitment in the Parliamentary and Governing Agreement of the 10th Legislative Assembly (Item 6.3 “Build a new multi-purpose indoor sports centre combined with community meeting rooms in the Woden Town Centre”), and more recently acknowledgement of the pressures being faced by community clubs such as ours and the need for new indoor sports facilities in recent ACT Government documents, we have not seen any progress or consultation on this parliamentary commitment. **We seek an update on this commitment and urge reconsideration of our recommendation to establish a working group of community and government stakeholders to help move forward this critical piece of infrastructure for Woden.**

A new centrally located multi-court facility would be a game changer for our community. It would allow us to bring together the whole club under the one roof, foster a much greater sense of community, significantly reduce volunteer fatigue and address some of the growing inequalities we are seeing in access to community sports in the ACT.

We are pleased to see, and remain supportive of, funding being made available to progress designs and hopefully soon commence the long-awaited construction of new courts at Belconnen and congratulate the Government on that announcement. We also note the Government’s plans for a new multi-court facility in the Gungahlin area. **However, neither of these projects will provide any relief to our growing training needs in Canberra’s south.**

We were very pleased to learn from your letter of the **allocation in previous budgets for a new court at Garran Primary School**, and I understand that a decision has since been made to expand this to a 2-court venue. If a new facility in Woden is not going to be pursued in the foreseeable future, we would be very interested to work with Government and the

School to plan for this development, ensure the court infrastructure is to a FIBA standard, and consider if it presents a viable option for our Club to consolidate our trainings into this facility – noting that access issues during school holidays and public holidays may still be challenging. **We look forward to further advice on the construction schedule and opportunities for our Club that this new development presents.**

Sch 2.2(a)(xi)

I wanted to also briefly highlight the significant issues we are experiencing at Sch 2.2(a)(xi) and **seek your intervention to have the Sch 2.2(a)(xi) properly maintain their facilities.** While not one of our training venues, the stadium is our main playing venue and as the biggest Club in the Sch 2.2(a)(xi) of Canberra, it is full of Dodgers teams every weekend.

After suffering through a hot summer season with no ventilation or cooling inside the hot ‘tin box’ that the stadium essentially is, this wet winter season is now proving to be an increasingly frustrating one for all basketballers across the territory with excited young basketballers turning up on weekends to find their **games being cancelled** due to the many roof leaks over several of the courts.

Sch 2.2(a)(xi) s, while our kids are being sent home and parents are becoming increasingly irate at the standards of facilities we are forced to put up with – particularly given the increasing fees they are paying in order for their kids to play. **Minister, we urge you to urgently address this issue with stakeholders to ensure our members can have some confidence that an indoor sport can be played in wet weather.**

ACT Government Cultural Grant – Dodgers Ngunnawal Dreaming project

I want to finish on a much more positive note, with an update on our Dodgers Ngunnawal Dreaming Project. Last year we were successful in being awarded funding under the ACT Government’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Grants program for this project to design and **produce a new Indigenous design uniform for our Club**, in cooperation with Richie Allen Snr and the Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation.

It is with great pride that I provide the final design below, which we will be unveiling at this weekend’s NAIDOC tournament at Belconnen Stadium. This fantastic design is a result of a collaboration between the very talented Ngunnawal artist Richard Allen Jr and some of our Indigenous families. The singlet tells a story of our Indigenous players’ journeys to Ngunnawal Country, and our story of building community. Proceeds from the sale of the new uniform will be used to support Indigenous participation in our Club.

Needless to say, we are very proud of how it has all come together and are working with award winning local filmmaker [Dylan Simpson](#) to make a short film about the development of the uniform and Richard Allen’s story. Thank you very much for this small investment in our Club, which will have a very large ongoing impact. I believe the Warriors have invited members of the Government to join the Welcome to Country to kick off the tournament at Belconnen Stadium on Saturday morning, I hope to see you or your colleagues there.



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Thank you once again for your continued support of our Club, I would be very happy to meet to discuss any of these issues further.

Best wishes,
Grant Keys
President
Weston Creek Woden Dodgers Basketball Club
7 July, 2024

Sch 2.2(a)(xi)

From: [Bradley, Kellie](#) on behalf of [CMTEDD, Economic Development DLO](#)
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Hi MLO team

Can I please request a brief for Minister Berry for the below meeting:

Event/With:	Weston Creek Woden Dodgers Basketball Club
Time / Date:	3pm, Thursday 8 August 2024
Venue:	MO
Minister:	Minister for Sport and Recreation
Advisor:	Jason Clarke
Directorate:	ED, S&R – Cindy Dean
Due:	2/08/2024
Notes:	Meeting brief Directorate rep: N/A

*If this needs to be redirected or input is required from another Directorate, please advise the ED DLO ASAP so that this can be requested via DLO channels.

Kind Regards

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Subject: MEETING: Weston Creek Woden Dodgers Basketball Club

17/07/2024 – MEETING BRIEF PLEASE

Meeting Brief

Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate

To: Minister for Sport and Recreation

Tracking No.: CMTEDD2024/3065

Date: 25/07/2024

From: Executive Branch Manager, Sport and Recreation

Subject: Meeting with Weston Creek Woden Dodgers Basketball Club

Meeting Date: 08/08/2024

Stakeholder/Attendee Details:

- Mr Grant Keys, President, Weston Creek Woden Dodgers Basketball Club (WCWBC)

Key points/Speaking Notes

Cost of participation assistance

1. The ACT has a number of support mechanisms focussed on supporting disadvantaged youth to participate in local sporting activities. These include:
 - Youth InterACT Scholarship (<https://www.act.gov.au/money-and-tax/grants-funding-and-incentives/funding-for-young-people-to-attend-events>);
 - ACT Equity Fund (<https://www.education.act.gov.au/support-for-our-students/financial-and-resource-assistance-for-families>); and
 - Every Chance (<https://www.everychance.com.au/>).
2. I understand the Commonwealth Government also provides support to aspiring youth athletes through the Local Sporting Champions program administered through the Australian Sports Commission.

Facility access and upgrades

3. Improvements to sport and recreation infrastructure at ACT Government schools and facilities operated by community groups (i.e. Lancaster Hall at Wesley Uniting Church) are eligible for funding through the Sport and Recreation Investment Scheme (SRIS).

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- a. WCWBC can contact Sport and Recreation to discuss funding opportunities, noting any future grant application would need to come from the asset owner.
4. The ACT Government acknowledges in The Entertainment, Arts and Sport Infrastructure Plan update (page 39)¹ there is demand for indoor multi-sport courts facilities in Woden and Gungahlin and analysis of options for these facilities is a priority.
5. The redeveloped Garran Primary School is due for completion in 2026 and will include a full-sized double court gymnasium. The gymnasium will include line marking for a range of sports, including basketball, with FIBA certified timber flooring and backboards to be provided. Community access to the gymnasium outside of school hours will be determined through a public Expression of Interest (EOI) process which will be undertaken in late 2025. I have requested Sport and Recreation ensure the Dodgers are notified when the EOI process commences.
6. A full-sized double court gymnasium will be provided at Whitlam Primary School, which is also expected to open in 2026. As is the case with Garran Primary School, a public EOI process will be undertaken to identify groups wishing to hire the facility outside of school hours.
7. Sport and Recreation is aware of the issues at Sch 2.2(a)(xi), which is owned by the Sch 2.2(a)(xi) has not disclosed if it has any plans to significantly upgrade or replace the existing roof.
 - a. Asset renewal and upgrade decisions is a matter for Sch 2.2(a)(xi) to consider. Any concerns regarding the facility should be raised directly with Sch 2.2(a)(xi)
8. The ACT Government will continue to work with the sport and recreation industry to identify opportunities to improve the provision of indoor sport facility provision in Canberra so that sports such as basketball have sufficient access to good quality venues.

Background

9. On 7 July 2024 Mr Grant Keys, President, WCWBC wrote to you regarding a number of issues currently facing the club including a shortage of suitable indoor facilities, the current standard of existing facilities used by the club and the increasing cost of participation for basketball in the ACT.
10. The correspondence from WCWBC is included at Attachment A.

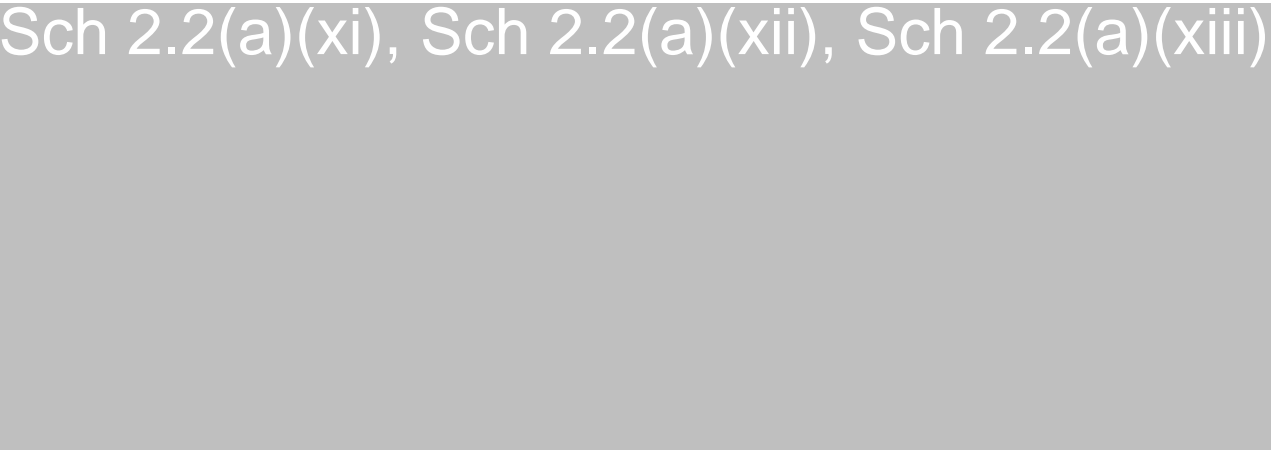
Financial Implications

11. There are no immediate financial implications associated with this brief.

¹ [ACT Infrastructure Plan](#)

Benefits/Sensitivities

Sch 2.2(a)(xi), Sch 2.2(a)(xii), Sch 2.2(a)(xiii)



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